

He was the Senior Instructor for the Sapper Leader Course at Fort Leonard Wood, a demanding 28-day training regimen and the premier leadership course for combat engineers. After retiring from military service, he was a consultant and Training Supervisor for the IED Division of Counter Explosive Hazards Center on Fort Leonard Wood.

His awards and decorations include: The Legion of Merit, (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster) Bronze Star Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster); Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Cluster); Army Achievement Medal (with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters); Good Conduct Medal (10th Award); Army Occupation Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Korea Defense Service Medal; Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal; NCO Professional Development Ribbon (4); Overseas Service Ribbon (4); Army Service Ribbon; Ranger Tab; Sapper Tab; Master Parachutist Badge; Air Assault Badge; Drill Sergeant Badge; French Commando Badge; Canadian Parachutist Badge; and German Bronze Marksmanship Badge. He also was awarded the DeFleury Bronze and Silver Medal of the Army Corps of Engineer.

CSM Falaniko and his family are a Gold Star Family; his son, Jonathan Falaniko, was tragically killed in action of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. CSM Falaniko was buried with his son, at Arlington National Cemetery on April 19, 2022. May these father and son heroes rest in peace.

HONORING JASON BOUDREAUX,
JALEAHA JOSEPH, AND
SHONTENAISHA MANUEL AS 2022
C-SPAN STUDENTCAM COMPETITION WINNERS

HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor three constituents of mine who were recently recognized as winners of the C-SPAN StudentCam documentary competition.

Jason Boudreaux, Jaleaha Joseph, and Shontenaisha Manuel, students at College Street Vocational Center in Lake Charles, LA, were chosen as first prize winners in the Central region. The students were tasked with explaining how the federal government impacts their daily lives, and they competed against thousands of other participants across the nation.

Jason, Jaleaha, and Shontenaisha's documentary, "FEMA's Impact on Our Lives in Southwest Louisiana," was powerful and moving. The students highlighted the devastating impacts of Hurricanes Laura and Delta and shared their personal experiences with FEMA as their families sought to recover. Their stories and experiences are those shared by many families across Southwest Louisiana. However, despite the devastation to our community, the students also showcased the strength and resilience of Louisiana's citizenry.

I commend these students for their hard work, determination, and exemplary storytelling abilities.

They crafted a powerful narrative that told the story of Southwest Louisiana and thoughtfully explained FEMA's role in our recovery mission.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of Louisiana's 3rd District, I congratulate Jason Boudreaux, Jaleaha Joseph, and Shontenaisha Manuel on their achievements in the C-SPAN StudentCam documentary competition. I thank them for sharing their stories, and I wish each of them great success in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARY
DIERICH

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mary Dierich on her recent selection as a 2022 Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

AANP Fellows have a direct impact on the communities they serve by engaging with nurse practitioners (NPs) from around the country to lead new initiatives while also supporting the mission of AANP. Additionally, these Fellows play a critical role in the mentorship and development of other NPs. At a time when every level of our health care sector is struggling with recruitment and retention, this cultivation of talented NPs is absolutely essential to our entire health infrastructure.

Mary is a stellar embodiment of what an AANP Fellow should be. A proud holder of multiple degrees from the University of Minnesota, including a PhD from the School of Nursing, Mary was a Clinical Associate Professor at her alma mater for over sixteen years. She has also worked on the frontlines at HealthPartners for the last fourteen years serving as a Geriatric Nurse Practitioner. In the early days of the pandemic, Mary was a critical resource to me and my office as we sought real-time analysis from frontline workers who saw COVID-19 unfold. This was helpful to understand the PPE shortages facing health care professionals and the resources they needed to keep our communities safe. We all owe a debt of gratitude to Mary and her fellow frontline workers for the amazing selflessness they have exhibited over the last two and a half years.

It is no wonder why Mary Dierich has been selected for this prestigious opportunity at AANP. I look forward to AANP's Induction Ceremony which will take place in Orlando, Florida on June 23, 2022. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the achievements of a great nurse practitioner and a beloved member of my family.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
LISA TROLAN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the career of Lisa Trolan,

who retired from her work with General Dynamics Electric Boat, on December 23, 2021.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Trolan retires from a long, dedicated career that spans 35 years with Electric Boat. As a senior member of Electric Boat's Public Affairs team, Lisa welcomed thousands of visitors to the company's locations in Connecticut and Rhode Island and helped to highlight the skilled workforce of technological marvels produced by Electric Boat. In doing so, Lisa has acted as a staunch advocate for our community, representing a major employer within the region to attract businesses, suppliers, and employees alike.

A Groton, Connecticut native and a graduate of the University of Connecticut, Lisa has lived out a destiny of nurturing the growth of the very community that raised her. These foundational values trace all the way back to her upbringing under her parents, Julio and Frances, who also served the Town of Groton well through their longstanding, respective roles with Groton Utilities and the Public School system. It is no coincidence that Electric Boat's Connecticut headquarters is in Groton. It is also no surprise that even in retirement, Lisa remains an active supporter of local civic organizations as well as the University of Connecticut.

Madam Speaker, Lisa's legacy with Electric Boat—one of excellence and commitment to its employees, the Navy and the nation—is unrivaled. She has always prioritized giving back to her foundations and has played a direct part in adding oil to the economic engine that is Electric Boat. With his departure, our region and Electric Boat can find comfort in the sound supply chain infrastructure that he directly brought about. To that end, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Lisa Trolan on her well-earned retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY OFFICER PROTECTION ACT OF 2022

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I introduce the Department of the Treasury Officer Protection Act of 2022. This bill would help ensure the safety of Treasury Department police officers by allowing them, including those who work at the Mint and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP), to carry their government firearms home.

BEP officers were among the first responders when a gunman opened fire at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 2009. However, BEP officers also can be targets because they wear uniforms to and from work. Many BEP officers carry personal firearms to and from work because they are not allowed to take their government firearms home, and some are forced to leave those personal firearms in their cars while they are on duty, creating a possibly dangerous situation.

Allowing BEP officers to carry their government firearms home will put them in the same position as Mint officers. Although both agencies are under the Treasury Department, under Treasury Department rules, Mint officers are allowed to carry their government firearms

home, while BEP officers are not. There is no meaningful distinction between officers for these two agencies. They should be treated equally.

This bill would allow all uniformed officers in the Treasury Department to carry their government firearms home to protect officers and the public and so that the Treasury Department does not have separate rules for different law enforcement agencies under its umbrella.

I ask my colleagues to support this bill.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SECURING PROTECTIONS AGAINST CARBON EMISSIONS (SPACE) TAX ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Securing Protections Against Carbon Emissions (SPACE) Tax Act so that the federal government taxes commercial space travel like it taxes commercial aviation.

For months, the American public has witnessed billionaires and celebrities with enough money to vaccinate entire countries, end homelessness, cure diseases, or feed a nation launch themselves into space to gain notoriety and create a new space tourism industry. These launches are yet another example of the disturbing trend in rising wealth inequality in the United States.

As this nascent industry takes shape, Americans cannot overlook the environmental impact of sending humans into space, particularly when there is no scientific value associated with the launch. While proponents of sub-orbital space flights point to transatlantic flights as having similar carbon footprints, these flights carry significantly more passengers and travel much farther. The result is space launches that account for an estimated 60-times greater emissions than transatlantic flights on a per-passenger basis. That is enough to drive a car around the earth and more than twice the carbon budget recommended in the Paris climate accord.

The SPACE Tax Act addresses these environmental and fairness concerns by establishing a new excise tax regime on commercial space flights that is structured like the excise taxes we all pay for commercial aviation.

The legislation would establish a 10 percent per-passenger tax on the price of a commercial flight to space. It also includes a two-tiered excise tax for each commercial launch carrying humans into space that is based on distance above the Earth's surface.

The SPACE Tax Act makes our tax code fairer, ends the tax holiday on space travel, and is part of the policy prescription to ensure that billionaires are paying their fair share.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOE BARRATT

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Joe Barratt.

Throughout his life, Joe's compassion, kindness, and creativity were evident to all who knew him. He had a passion for music and was a talented musician. Joe played cello for Concord High School's orchestra, taught himself how to play guitar, and was a talented songwriter and producer. His other interests included astrology and spending time with his friends in Todos Santos Plaza and Civic Park. An animal lover, Joe also enjoyed helping his mother, Leslie, walk dogs on the weekends. One of their favorite traditions was to stop at IHOP afterwards and Joe would indulge in the red velvet pancakes.

Joe had an extraordinary ability to help others feel accepted and cared for. He was welcoming and warm to kids that needed extra love and kindness. He has been described as a "shepherd amongst the misfit kids at school".

Tragically, Joe was killed in a hit-and-run accident and passed away on February 11, 2020. He is survived by his mother and father, Leslie and Joe Barratt II. He will be remembered for his gentle spirit and outstanding character. Please join me in honoring the life of Joe Barratt.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ELIZABETH MARY KILPATRICK

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Elizabeth Mary Kilpatrick (née O'Connell), originally of Cleveland, who passed away at her home in Prospect Heights, Illinois this week at the age of 82.

Elizabeth was the beloved wife of the late Thomas L. Kilpatrick for 56 years. The loving mother of Kevin (Patricia), Kimberly and Kerry Kilpatrick. Dear grandmother of Molly, Graham, Logan, and Chandler. Beloved daughter of the late Francis and Sue O'Connell. Adored sister of Dennis (late Bonnie) O'Connell, Patricia (William) Smith, Timothy (late Phyllis) O'Connell, and Suzanne O'Connell. Sister-in-law to Daniel (Barbara) Kilpatrick and Joanne (Jim) Mortensen. Loving aunt, cousin, and friend to many.

Liz was a longtime member of the Buffalo Grove Garden Club, an avid shopper, and a serious holiday decorator. She was always proud to celebrate her Irish heritage and her Catholic faith.

Mrs. Kilpatrick was a supporter of mine and was the great aunt to my friend and former staffer, Sean F. Lowe. My deepest condolences go out to Elizabeth's immediate family, the entire Kilpatrick and O'Connell families, and to all whose lives Elizabeth so deeply touched. May her memory be a blessing.

HONORING MICHAEL J. PERRY FOR FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE AT SUNY CANTON

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commemorate the life of Michael J. Perry, known to his students as "Poppa Mike," for 40 years of diligent service to SUNY Canton.

Mr. Perry joined the SUNY Canton family in 1976 and served the students until his retirement in 2016. From Bookstore Manager to Executive Director of the College Association, Mr. Perry held many roles that established his supportive presence on campus. He was a member of the Canton College Foundation as well as both the Eastern and National Associations of Auxiliary Services. Upon retirement, Mr. Perry served as Town Supervisor for the Town of Hermon from 2020 until 2022. He remained actively involved with SUNY Canton by keeping score at their basketball games and advocating for student success.

Students remember Mr. Perry as a strong advocate for their well-being and a major cultivator of their college experience. Many credit him for inspiring their passion for student leadership. For years, he organized the famous hot air balloon rides on Family Weekend and helped create numerous scholarships and enrollment opportunities. His colleagues will remember him as a unique and quick problem solver that helped their school thrive throughout many pivotal periods.

Mr. Perry is survived by his four children and seven grandchildren, all who will undoubtedly carry on his legacy of service and encouragement. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to honor and remember Michael Perry for his four decades of dedication to the students and communities of the North Country.